

Table 1B. Recommended Deletions from the Section 303(d) List for the Lahontan Region					
Waterbody Name	Proposed Action	Pollutant(s) /Stressor(s)	TMDL Priority Ranking¹	TMDL End Date²	Comments
Surprise Valley HU 641.00³					
Upper Alkali Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Middle Alkali Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Lower Alkali Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Susanville HU 637.00					
Top Spring	Remove from 303(d) List	Radiation	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Amedee Hot Springs	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Wendel Hot Springs	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Little Truckee River HU 636.00					
Stampede Reservoir	Remove from 303(d) List	Pesticides [Lindane] ⁶	NA	NA	TSMP- insufficient data for listing ⁸
Truckee River HU 635.00					
Donner Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Priority Organics [PCBs, Chlordane] ⁶	NA	NA	TSMP- insufficient data for listing ⁸
Lake Tahoe HU 634.00					
Snow Creek	Remove from 303(d) List	Habitat Alterations	NA	NA	Restoration program implemented
East Fork Carson River HU 632.00					
East Fork Carson River	Remove from 303(d) List	Nutrients	NA	NA	Incorrect assumption led to listing
West Walker River HU 631.00					
Fales Hot Springs	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Hot Creek	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
East Walker River HU 630.00					
East Walker River below Bridgeport Reservoir	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	TSMP- insufficient data for listing ⁸
Mono HU 601.00					
Grant Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Mono Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Owens HU 603.00					
Hot Creek	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Little Hot Creek	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Little Alkali Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Big Springs	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Owens River	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Crowley Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Keough Hot Springs	Remove from 303(d) List	Metals	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Tinemaha Reservoir	Remove from 303(d) List	Arsenic	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Owens Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Deep Springs HU 605.00					
Deep Springs Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Deep Springs Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Trace Elements	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Amargosa HU 609.00					
Amargosa River	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Trona HU 621.00					
Searles Lake	Remove from 303(d) List	Salinity/TDS/Chlorides	NA	NA	Impairment is natural; no “pollutants”
Mojave HU 628.00					
Mojave River near Barstow	Remove from 303(d) List	Priority Organics	NA	NA	Ground water, not surface water impairment

Footnotes for Table 1B. (The following footnotes were developed for Table 1, the master table containing all recommendations. Some of the information is not relevant to this subtable.)

¹TMDL priority rankings and end dates are shown only for water bodies recommended for inclusion in the 2002 list. The entry “NA” means “not applicable.”

² TMDL end dates are the estimated years for Regional Board adoption of Basin Plan amendments. Plan amendments incorporating TMDLs will not take effect unless and until they receive further approvals from the California State Water Resources Control Board, the California Office of Administrative Law, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

³ Water bodies are grouped by watersheds in north-to-south order. Watershed (Hydrologic Unit or HU) numbers are Department of Water Resources numbers used in the maps in the Lahontan Basin Plan, and do not run in north-to-south order.

⁴ The entry “Retain on 303(d) List” in the “Proposed Action” column means that this water body/pollutant combination is on the 1998 Section 303(d) list and is proposed to remain on the 2002 list. In some cases the nature of the pollutants or the extent of the impaired segment has been clarified. For example, earlier listings for “nutrients” or “organic enrichment/Low D.O.” may now be changed to separate listings for individual pollutants (nitrogen and phosphorus), and an earlier single entry for habitat alterations in the Owens River has been changed to three separate entries to reflect different segments of the river. Changes are recommended in priority rankings and TMDL end dates for many of the water body/pollutant combinations from the 1998 list.

⁵ Pending revisions to federal regulations for the implementation of Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act would clarify that TMDLs are not required for waters impaired by flow alterations, water/flow variability and habitat alterations, unless specific “pollutants” are also involved. (Load calculations are not feasible in cases where there are no pollutants.) Under the proposed new regulations, waters impaired by habitat or flow alterations, or by flow variability, would be placed on a separate list of impaired waters to highlight the need for control strategies other than TMDLs.

⁶Clarification of the nature of the pollutants has been added in brackets for some water bodies recommended for removal from the Section 303(d) list. See the fact sheets for these water bodies for further information.

⁷Regional Board staff completed draft Basin Plan amendments incorporating a phosphorus TMDL for Indian Creek Reservoir in November 2000. The Regional Board has been unable to act on these amendments due to lack of a quorum for a vote.

⁸Some waters were listed based on Toxic Substances Monitoring Program (TSMP) fish tissue data. Because sample numbers were small, TSMP data alone are not considered sufficient grounds for listing.